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Exploration of New Coal Reserves
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is conducting surveys on regular basis to explore new coal reserves in the country;
(b) if so, the details of surveys conducted during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
(c) the details of reserves explored during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Geological Survey of India (GSI) has been carrying out regional exploration for coal to explore new coal resources in the country. Further, Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDIL) is also carrying out promotional exploration under the Ministry of Coal's Central Scheme.

(b)&(c): During the last three years 2013-14 to 2015-16 and the current year 2016-17, GSI has carried out surveys in the States of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh for coal exploration. The details of surveys for coal exploration are furnished in Statement-I. The state-wise details of augmentation done by GSI during last 3 years and in the current year is furnished in Statement-II.

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